

## The Antichrist and the Millennium

### I. The Antichrist

#### A. “antichrist” in John’s writings

##### 1. 1 John 2:18-23

<sup>18</sup>Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that antichrist is coming, so now many antichrists have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour. <sup>19</sup>They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us. But they went out, that it might become plain that they all are not of us. <sup>20</sup>But you have been anointed by the Holy One, and you all have knowledge. <sup>21</sup>I write to you, not because you do not know the truth, but because you know it, and because no lie is of the truth. <sup>22</sup>Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son. <sup>23</sup>No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also.

##### 2. Key words/phrases/concepts

##### 3. 1 John 4:1-3

<sup>1</sup>Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, for many false prophets have gone out into the world. <sup>2</sup>By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, <sup>3</sup>and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.

##### 4. Key words/phrases/concepts

#### B. Other potential interactions

1. “man of lawlessness” in Paul’s writings
2. “beast” in John’s writings
3. “abomination of desolation” (Matt 24:15)
4. Comparison chart:

Author	Scripture	Reference
John	Children, it is the last hour, and as you have heard that <b>antichrist</b> is coming, so now many <b>antichrists</b> have come. Therefore we know that it is the last hour.	1 John 2:18
John	and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the <b>antichrist</b> , which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.	1 John 4:3
Paul	Let no one deceive you in any way. For that day will not come, unless the rebellion comes first, and the <b>man of lawlessness</b> is revealed, the <b>son of destruction</b> , who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.	2 Thess 2:3-4
Paul	And then <b>the lawless one</b> will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will kill with the breath of his mouth and bring to nothing by the appearance of his coming. <sup>9</sup> The coming of <b>the lawless one</b> is by the activity of Satan with all power and false signs and wonders,	2 Thess 2:8-9
John	And I saw a <b>beast</b> rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads.	Rev 13:1
John	And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the <b>beast</b> , and they worshiped the <b>beast</b> , saying, "Who is like the <b>beast</b> , and who can fight against it?" And the <b>beast</b> was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months.	Rev 13:4-5
John	Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation	Rev 13:7

### C. One first-century candidate: Nero

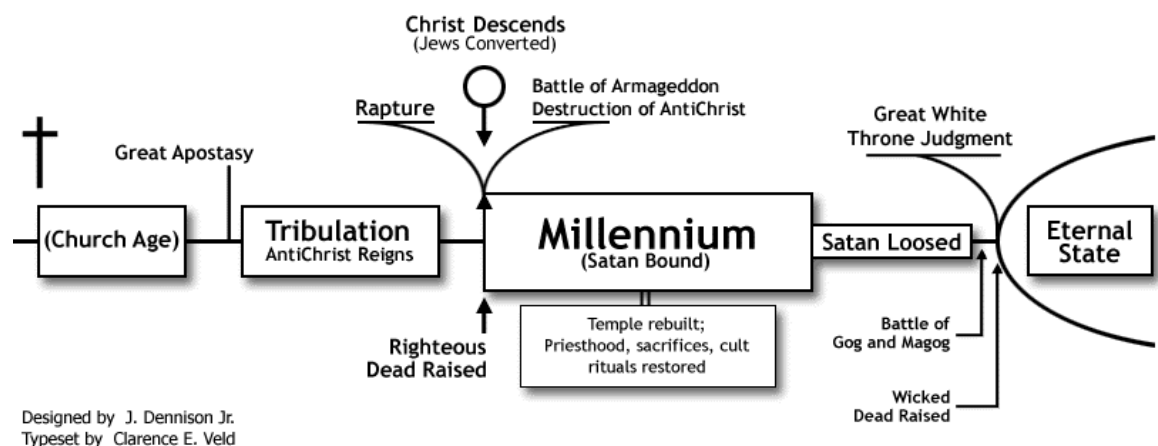
## II. The Millennium

### A. Rev 20:1-3

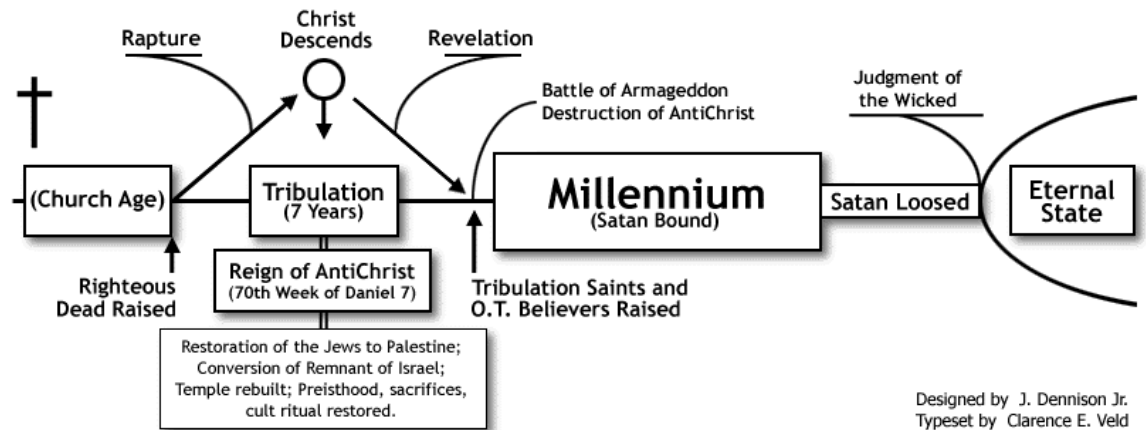
<sup>1</sup> Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, holding in his hand the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain. <sup>2</sup> And he seized the dragon, that ancient serpent, who is the devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, <sup>3</sup> and threw him into the pit, and shut it and sealed it over him, so that he might not deceive the nations any longer, until the thousand years were ended. After that he must be released for a little while.

### B. Major views

#### 1. Historic Premillennialism



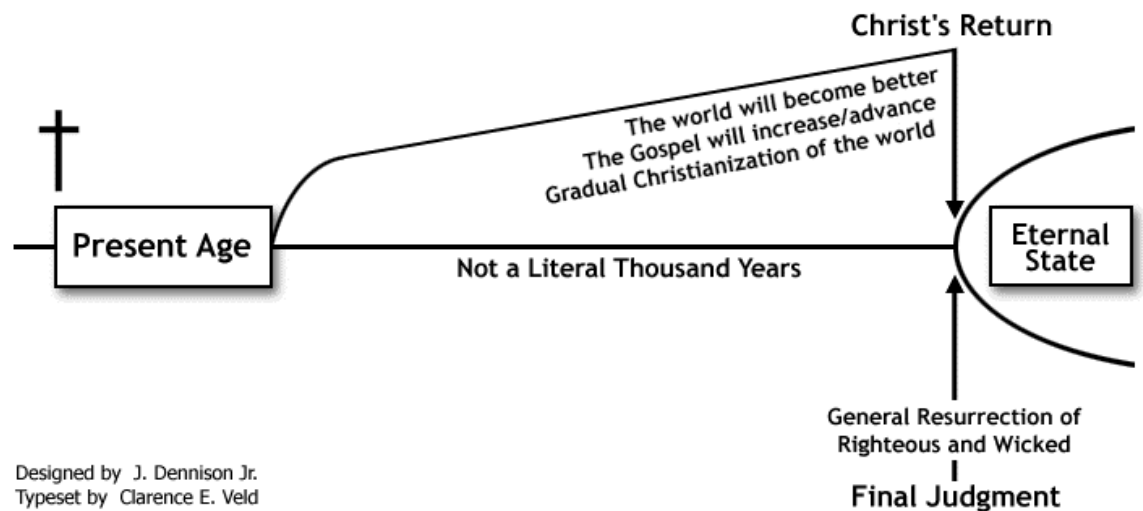
## 2. Dispensational Premillennialism



## 3. Amillennialism



## 4. Postmillennialism



# Comparison of Christian millennial teachings

